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LETTER DATED 31 MAY 1982 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On express instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following communiqués issued by the Joint General Staff of the Argentine Armed Forces:

Communiqué No. 109 of 30 May 1982:

"The Joint General Staff announces that on 30 May 1982 hostilities consisted basically of:

Establishment of the enemy in the area of Puerto Darwin - Goose Green.

Bombardment in the early morning hours by a number of British naval units of Puerto Argentino, which was repulsed by heavy-calibre artillery of the Argentine army.

Air support activities by the Argentine air force in the Malvinas area."

Communiqué No. 110 of 30 May 1982:

"The Joint General Staff announces that on 30 May 1982, at about 1430 hours, Super-Etendard aircraft of the Argentine air force armed with 'Exocet' missiles and A4C aircraft armed with bombs attacked the main English naval force, causing damage which is now being evaluated."

Communiqué No. 111 of 30 May 1982:

"The Joint General Staff announces that on 30 May 1982, British Harrier aircraft attacked Puerto Argentino.

As a result of these attacks two Harrier aircraft were shot down and a third was damaged."

Communiqué No. 112 of 30 May 1982:

"The Joint General Staff announces that on 30 May 1982, at 1430 hours, Super-Etendard aircraft of the Argentine air force armed with 'Exocet' missiles and A4C aircraft armed with high-power bombs, in an unprecedented operation, attacked an aircraft carrier, putting it out of action as a result of serious damage.

"The ship identified as an aircraft carrier by the pilots of the A4C aircraft which bombed it was located 90 miles east of the Malvinas. Besides the type of ship, the pilots noted dense columns of smoke and fires on board.

As a result of British anti-aircraft fire, two Argentine A4C aircraft were shot down."

The above-mentioned military activities of the Argentine armed forces were carried out by the people and Government of Argentina in exercise of the right of self-defence laid down in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I request that this letter be circulated, as a matter of urgency, as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Arnoldo M. LISTRE
Ambassador
